

REMARKS

Entry of the above-noted claim amendments and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

The Examiner's only rejection that has been raised in the "final" Official Action is with respect to clarity of the definitions for moieties A and X₁. Specifically, the Examiner noted that it is still unclear whether A and X₁ are the same species as between formulas (a) and (c) or whether they simply share the same definitions.

In response, applicants have amended pending claim 1 so as to clarify that A is the *same* (meth)acrylate group as in formula (a) and X₁ is the *same* at least one aromatic group or at least one alkoxy group as in formula (a). Thus, the amended version of claim 1 now clarifies that moieties A and X₁ are the *same* species as is supported by the originally filed specification.

Specifically, as noted in applicants' prior responsive Amendment, support for the amendments to claim 1 is evident by the disclosure of each moiety A and X₁ being the same in the discussion on page 10, line 24 bridging page 11, line 12. Specifically, in such passages, it is quite clear that there is no distinction as between moieties A and X₁ when in formula (a) or formula (c). Moreover, it will be noted that species wherein A and X₁ are the same primary coating compositions in the Examples on page 21 of the subject application (e.g., where moiety A is an acrylate and moiety X₁ is a phenolic).

It is therefore believed that the amendments to claim 1 render moot the rejection advanced by the Examiner under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of the same and early passage of this application to issue are therefore solicited.

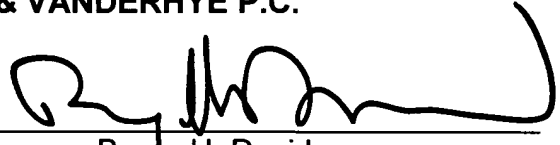
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An early and favorable reply on the merits is awaited.

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